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In Re Application of:

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Examiner: Nathan M. NUTTER

Serial No.: 10/668,456

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Title: **POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) DERIVATIVES  
WITH PROXIMAL REACTIVE GROUPS**

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, received in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply (thereby setting a nominal due date of December 9, 2004). The present reply is timely inasmuch as Applicants include herewith a request for a three-month extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), thereby extending the due date by three months, to March 9, 2005.

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